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FOR DEPUTY UNDER SEC FOR MGT.

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SUBJ: MODE - EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS BY CHIEF OF
MISSION

1. APPRECIATE REFTTEL AND I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT I SUPPORT FULLY THE PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S DESIRE TO REDUCE MISSION STAFFING WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE. I HAVE HAD THIS QUESTION IN MIND CONTINUALLY AND AT MY DIRECTION WE HAVE TENTATIVELY CNTIFIED A NET OF 59 POSITIONS IN OUR MAAG AND TAFT PRESENCE WE MAY ABOLISH IN THE FY-78-79. AS SOON AS WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR DETAILED STUDY A MESSAGE OR SERIES OF MESSAGES WILL BE SENT COVERING THESE FURTHER REDUCTIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE JUST APPROVED THE REDUCTION OF A SIX-POSITION RAST UNIT TO TWO. A NAVY TASK FORCE 157 CONSISTING OF ONE OFFICER HAS ALSO BEEN ELIMINATED.

2. I WILL HAVE FURTHER COMMENTS ON OTHER POSSIBLE RREDUCTIONS AS SOON AS WE COMPLETE OUR ON-GOING GORM STUDY. UNLIKE MY PREVIOUS MISSION, I BELIEVE THAT WE
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HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL HERE IN HOLDING OUR STAFFING LARGELY TO THE NUMBER REQUIRED TO MEET OUR PRINCIPAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS, AND ESSENTIAL SUPPORT.
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